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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Too many times, our nation has chosen to miss opportunities to move forward. Today, many business leaders and state attorneys general want to put the Microsoft litigation behind us and target our financial resources elsewhere. Please count me among those urging you to settle the Microsoft lawsuit.

I am an unemployed dot-commer whose company was the recipient of Microsoft venture capital funds. They believed in our efforts to bring voicemail to the Internet. However, when faced with the choice of making a further investment that might bring on anti-trust backlash as they moved into the telecomm world, they chose to pass on the investment and our company failed.

Microsoft will be forced to make some painful sacrifices by this settlement. They must open their code to their competitors and even agree to an oversight board on their actions. While these may be painful steps, I believe they will bring certainty to the marketplace and allow Microsoft, and other technology investors, to make decisions based on facts, not fear.

Thank you,



Daniel Cohen, Esq.